

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

A RESOLUTION, adopting policies to establish specific regulations for use of slacklines in City Park areas.

WHEREAS, the City of Wenatchee is desirous of securing for its residents and visitors to the community an attractive, save living environment and high quality of life; and

WHEREAS the City of Wenatchee operates an existing park system and is actively pursuing the acquisition and improvement of the system to meet the needs of current and future residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, adopted rules and use policies provide the ability to regulate uses that may be detrimental to the health, safety or well-being of the environment or user.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE as follows:

SECTION I

The City Park Slackline Policy as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto shall be, and hereby is, adopted by the City of Wenatchee.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WENATCHEE at a regular meeting thereof this 8th day of January, 2015.

CITY OF WENATCHEE, a Municipal Corporation

By: 
FRANK KUNTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
TAMMY STANGER, City Clerk


APPROVED:
By: 
STEVE D. SMITH, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
SLACKLINE POLICY

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish specific procedures for the activity known as slacklining.

2.0 General Policy

- 2.1 Slacklining is defined as an activity in which the participant walks on a span of nylon climbing or slackline webbing, positioned horizontally above the ground and anchored at two fixed points. Slacklining is allowed in City Park areas at no charge, in accordance with these procedures.

3.0 Procedures

The following procedures will be used to manage slacklining in City parks.

- 3.1 Slacklining is allowed during daylight hours only.
- 3.2 The owner of the slacklining equipment is responsible for setting up and taking down the equipment by sunset each day and may not leave equipment unattended. Unattended slacklining equipment will be removed and stored or disposed of without notice.
- 3.3 All equipment associated with the practice of slacklining must be maintained in an operable and safe condition. This is the sole responsibility of the participants.
- 3.4 Lines only may be affixed to trees that are greater than one foot (1') in diameter, measured 36" above ground level, and in the manner below:
 - 3.4.1 To protect tree bark, fabric, such as burlap, carpet squares, or similar material, must be placed between the tree and the line that is tied to the tree. There must be a clear and flat landing surface under the full length of the slackline.
 - 3.4.2 Trees and/or landscaped areas showing damage from slacklining may be restricted from future slacklining use at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
- 3.5 Spotters are strongly recommended.
- 3.6 The slackline may not be higher than three feet (3') off the ground at any point.
- 3.7 Slacklines may not be longer than 40 feet.

- 3.8 Slacklining participants do so at their own risk.
- 3.9 Slacklines may not be affixed within 20 feet of sidewalks, buildings, roads, streets, trails, sport courts, bike racks, handrails, art objects, fences, or light poles.
- 3.10 Lines may only be attached to trees as noted above, and may not be affixed to any other park fixture, including but not limited to, buildings, bike racks, handrails, art objects, fences, benches, tables, utility poles or light poles.
- 3.11 Parks officials have the authority to stop any slacklining in conflict with these policies and to request the immediate removal of all equipment.
- 3.12 These principles may be enforced by local law enforcement officers for the safety of the community and to keep the park accessible to all.
- 3.13 All park policies and regulations, state laws and local ordinances are in effect and may be enforced.
- 3.14 This slacklining policy is intended to provide notice to persons slacklining in City parks of the City's policy relating to slacklining. It is further intended to provide guidance to City personnel in dealing with persons slacklining in City parks. This policy is not intended to create a duty or standard of care for the City or to provide any basis for a cause of action against the City or City staff in interpreting, enforcing or failing to enforce the policy by persons slacklining or third persons.